## **STATEMENT**

For two years, the Inclusive Government has struggled to bring stability to Zimbabwe and to pave the way for a democratic transition through credible elections.

The undersigned are concerned by increasing evidence in recent weeks of what appears to be politically motivated intimidation and violence. We recall the importance of a peaceful process and encourage the Government of Zimbabwe and the political parties to respect the spirit and the letter of the Global Political Agreement, to fully use mechanisms such as the Joint Monitoring and Implementation Committee to deter violence and to engage decisively with the SADC Region and with the South African Facilitator, HE President Zuma, to agree on a roadmap that can ensure credible and democratic elections, in accordance with the existing SADC Principles and Guidelines Governing Democratic Elections.

Considering the role the security forces, the Attorney-General and the judiciary play with regard to the protection of fundamental freedoms, we appeal to them to contribute to a positive environment and to discharge their duties in an impartial and non-political way.

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